

ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting

February 13, 2013

Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters - 2nd Floor Board Room

4702 South 19th Street, Tacoma

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Terry Lee at 12:04 and handed over to President Barbara Skinner at 12:09.

In attendance: Terry Lee, Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Jane Moore, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Lyle Quasim, David Seago, Barbara Skinner, Kendall Reid and guest Roxanne Miles, Community Development Manager Metro Parks Tacoma.

***Review and Approval of Minutes** Jane amended minutes to show cause for not balancing the budget. Dave approved the amended minutes and Kendall seconded; motion passed.*

New Business

Roxanne Miles, Community Development Management, Metro Parks Tacoma presented the results of two reports on the benefits of park systems in economic terms. The first, done by Hebert Research surveyed economic activity related to park visits and measured property tax for residences close to parks. Non-profit Earth Economics did a second study of ecosystem value from natural areas and of reduction in health care costs related to use of parks. Results from the study inform current Parks Board decision making. The information can also be used to support future funding for parks.

Short term goals from the board retreat are renamed "Activities" then approved with additions, changes or comments noted and lead board member indicated:

- 1. Jane*
- 2. Shawn*
- 4. Should become agenda item for #7. Bryan*
- 5. Jane and Barbara*
- 6. Shawn. The bike swap meet will be on April 27 at UPS.*
- 7. Barbara*

8. Dave Seago will write this year's fund raising letter. Tim Payne should develop five year plan.
9. Dave Seago
10. Shawn & Jane
11. Jane
12. Bob Myrick for Gale Creek Canyon; Bryan for Eatonville
13. Ernie
14. Terry
15. Jane
16. Jane will ask Chris Beale
17. Lyle
18. Consider doing 2014 state trails conference; Jane will check on status for March meeting.

Bryan noted that the National Park Service technical assistance program has a project in Eatonville. He would like ForeverGreen to send a letter of support. The project would create a Pioneer Trek Trail connecting Northwest Trek and the Pioneer Farm Living History Museum. They would like to enlarge the project and create a Nisqually Heritage Area extending from Northwest Trek through Rimrock City Park, Eatonville, and Pioneer Farm then ending at UW Pack Forest. All these destinations would be linked by bicycle and pedestrian mobility. The Town of Eatonville and the Chamber of Commerce are bringing the involved entities together to work on the project. Bob moved to send a letter of support; Lyle seconded; motion passed. Bryan will draft a letter for Jane.

Jane will arrange for ForeverGreen to participate with an exhibit in the South Sound Sustainability Expo 3/2; Families in Motion on the Riverwalk 4/27; and Pierce County Bike Swap 4/27. Board members will be needed to help staff the events.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.